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PERSONAL

Hon. and Mrs. M. E. McDonald and children were yesterday registered at Hotel Marlborough, New York.

George G. Lindsay, of Moray avenue, is home for the summer vacation from the Ann Arbor Medical college.

Wade M. Finn and family are at Crystal lake, and during the summer will occupy their recently completed cottage there.

William H. Scranton, a student at Princeton university, is spending his vacation at the home of his parents on Monroe avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Mehan, of Montrose, on Sunday, entertained the Misses Loretta Jeannette, Mary McArdrew and Mary McCann, of this city.

Mrs. F. D. Magowan, of Wheeler avenue, is entertaining her sister, Miss Sison, of Htsau, N. Y.

Attorney J. M. Walker will spend part of his vacation in Emporium.

Nathan Jacobs and his sister, Rose, both of this city, left for New York Tuesday, and sail today for Germany on the Kaiser Frederick Der Grosse. They will visit the Paris exposition.

Rev. William Edgar, formerly pastor of the Providence Methodist Episcopal church, now of Otego, N. Y., is in Scranton to attend the High school graduation exercises, his sons, William, Jr., and Arthur, being among the graduates.

Rev. Thomas Leonard, of this city, has been appointed assistant to Rev. Father Jordan, at St. Lawrence church, Bethlehem. He left here Tuesday, where he has been officiating at St. John's church, during the absence of Rev. Father Hanley.

GEORGE GRIFFITHS INJURED.

Former Scranton Boy Badly Hurt While Walking in His Sleep.

George Griffiths, a son of President of Common Council William V. Griffiths, and who for some time past has made his home in Lancaster, Pa., was seriously injured in that city, Tuesday morning, as a result of walking in his sleep.

One of the windows in his room was open, and he must have either walked or fallen out of it. He is known to be a somnambulist, and on several previous occasions had narrow escapes from serious injury, while walking in his sleep.

He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, and it was there seen that his left arm was broken near the wrist and his head badly cut. It is thought that a fracture of the skull has been sustained, and his chances of recovery are but slight.

PROTESTS COMING FROM ALL SIDES

DEFEAT OF THE LICENSE TAX BILL IS ENCOMPASSED.

The Only Thing That Will Save It Is the Willingness of Its Supporters to Accept the Amendments Proposed to Be Offered and if They Are Accepted the Measure Will Be but a Shadow of Its Former Self. Insurance Men Point Out Inconsistencies.

Opposition to the license tax ordinance, which on Tuesday was generally deemed sufficient to kill it, grew to such proportions, yesterday, that there now remains no question of the measure's death. It will be killed, sure and sudden, or the various interested parties who have been canvassing against it are way off in their reckoning.

There is only one chance of its being saved. If its promoters are willing to accept every amendment its opponents propose to offer, the ordinance will be allowed to exist. In its amended state, however, it will be so different from its present form that it will require a vigorous distinction of the imagination to accept the new measure as the amended form of the old. It will be like the Irishman's "same old knife" that had a new set of blades and a new handle.

Here is a list of amendments one committee alone proposes to submit and insist upon:

- Reduce tax on trolley companies from 5 per cent. to 1 per cent.
- Reduce tax on gas companies from \$1,000 to \$200.
- Reduce tax on water companies from \$1,000 to \$200.
- Reduce tax on fire insurance agents from \$25 to \$5.
- Reduce tax on non-resident fire, life or accident insurance agent, solicitor or broker from \$25 to \$10.
- Reduce tax on life insurance agents from \$25 to \$5.
- Reduce tax on accident insurance agents from \$15 to \$5.
- Reduce tax on industrial insurance agents from \$5 to \$2.
- Reduce tax on hucksters (horse and wagon) from \$10 to \$5.
- Reduce tax on keepers of temporary stands for the sale of fruit, fish, vegetables or the like from \$15 to \$5.
- Reduce tax on basket peddlers from \$10 to \$5.

Men engaged in various lines of the insurance business are more than a little disturbed on account of what they allege are more than unjust provisions of the ordinance. There are about 300 life, fire, accident and industrial insurance men affected by it. Of these the life underwriters are the most active in their opposition. Yesterday and the day before several of them, members of the Scranton Association of Life Underwriters, visited as many select commission agents as could be reached, and the result of the canvass will be seen in at least a modification of the terms, if the ordinance passes in any form.

INSURANCE MEN'S PROTEST.

One of these gentlemen said to a Tribune man yesterday: "That the ordinance in its general purpose is a wise measure, is a matter of individual opinion. But in its provisions for taxing insurance men it is one of the most unjust instruments of the kind ever drafted. We should not, however, be misunderstood in our opposition. We are willing to pay a license tax, but shall urge amendments."

"We advocate, if taxed at all, a uniform tax of \$5 on each life, fire and accident agent and \$2 on each industrial agent. In its present shape the ordinance provides a tax of \$25 on life and fire agents and non-resident agents, \$15 on accident agents and \$5 on industrial agents."

"It probably did not occur to those who drafted the ordinance that the thirty-eight old-line life companies are now paying about \$450,000 yearly, or an average of nearly \$12,000 each, for the privilege of doing business in Pennsylvania; that, in addition, each agent pays the state \$2 annually for a license to do business, and that he pays from \$2 upwards for his bond—all this, and his local taxes, makes quite a sum, though technically it has no bearing on the local point at issue."

"In rough figures there are in Scranton twenty life agencies and 175 agents (including industrial men). Their total tax under the ordinance would amount to \$4,375. The one hundred agents of the fifty fire agencies would be taxed \$2,500. The fifteen agents of the ten accident agencies would have to pay \$225. All this makes a total of \$7,100 from insurance men—quite a proportion, when it is recalled that the early advocates of the ordinance contended that they only aimed to provide about \$20,000 increased city revenue."

AT VARIANCE WITH JUSTICE.

"The tax provided against the insurance men is so at variance with justice or sense that it is no surprise that we are up in arms against it. Why, one agency alone, paying \$25 for each of its seventy industrial agents (each of whom has a license to write the ordinary or regular life applications), would have to pay \$1,750, which is more than the tax proposed for a telegraph, electric light, telephone, steam heating, gas, water or express company—in fact, the \$1,700 is nearly double the tax provided for any two of the class of corporations mentioned."

"We do not contend that the city has no legal right to tax us—and to tax us much more than is provided in the ordinance. But that right prevails only through one of the peculiar inconsistencies of Pennsylvania law. Let me read you something:

An act to establish an insurance department: Section 11.—That in its provisions for any city, county or municipality to impose or collect any license fee or tax upon insurance companies or the agents authorized to transact business under this act.

Approved the 4th day of April, A. D. 1873 (P. L. 20).

"We have ascertained that the section read to you avails us nothing. An opinion of the Supreme court specifies:

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ally mentions Section 17 of the Act of 1873 and says that despite its provisions we can be taxed. But it all shows there is a flagrant incongruity of intent.

"The moral support of citizens generally will be with the insurance men in this matter. Among the councilmen we find an intelligent appreciation of the situation. They are with us. It is my opinion that the tax will be modified as I have indicated."

HARDSHIP ON HUCKSTERS.

The objection to the high rate of tax on hucksters is that many of them are poor men, a goodly proportion of them invalids or cripples, who have their little all invested in a horse and wagon and able to work only a portion of the year, and a dollar tax, to say nothing of a fifteen dollar one, would be to them a hardship.

There are those who contend the ordinance is, at all events, illegal in that many of its provisions are in conflict with the Act of 1888.

Under Article V, headed "Corporate Powers," Section 4, on Page 9, of the Digest of Laws and Ordinances, the Act of 1889 says:

Every city of the third class shall have power to levy and collect the general and special license tax not exceeding \$100 each, on all auctioneers, contractors, druggists, hawkers, peddlers, produce or merchandise vendors, bankers, brokers, pawn-brokers, merchants of all kinds, persons selling or leasing goods upon instalments, grocers, confectioners, butchers, restaurateurs, livery stables, billiard tables and other gaming tables, drays, hacks, cabs, omnibuses, street railway cars and other vehicles used in the city for hire or pay, lumber dealers, building commission men and all dealers who make a business of buying lumber for sale at wholesale or retail, furniture dealers, saddle or harness dealers, stationers, jewelers, livery or boarding stable keepers, real estate agents, agents of fire, life or other insurance companies, express companies or agencies, telegraph, telephone, steam heating, gas, natural gas, water, electric light or power companies or agencies, or individual furnishing communications, light, heat or power by any of the means enumerated and to regulate the collection of the same.

No one has risen to question the application of this law, and there is good cause to believe it will be invoked to prevent the collection of the tax in case the ordinance passes with features offending against this act and offensive to any of the taxed parties.

AN EXCELLENT CONCERT.

Splendid Musical Entertainment by Studio Club.

Under the leadership of Miss Cordelia West Freeman, the Studio club last night gave, at Guernsey's hall, one of the most delightful concerts of the season, before a large and most appreciative audience.

The members of the club are: Mrs. C. P. Buchanan, Miss Edith Benson, Mrs. George A. Blanchard, Miss Elizabeth Durkin, Miss Margaret Eddy, Miss Maud Estell, Miss Lucy Fuller, Miss Miss Frank, Miss Mary Graves, Mrs. H. E. Keller, Miss Flora Lovell, Miss Edith Mason, Miss Mary Mason, Miss Margaret Mitchell, Miss Katherine Meyers, Miss Jessie Polhemus, Miss Elsie Powell, Mrs. John Neely, Miss Florence Robertson, Miss Jennie Smith, Mrs. Charles Smith, Miss Keziah Smith, Miss Julia Stiles, Miss Martha Tompkins, Mrs. G. B. Uthman, Miss Ruby York.

They were most ably assisted in their entertainment by Miss Charlotte L. Blackman, pianist; Miss Julia Clapp Allen, Miss Julia Allen, Miss Margaret Dorr, Miss Charlotte Armstrong, violinists, and Tom Gippel, tenor.

The concert was opened by the club rendering Hummel's "Spring Song." The light, joyous air was rendered with a spirit and melody which captivated the audience and brought forth a burst of hearty applause. Tom Gippel, tenor, was next on the programme, and rendered the "Creole Love Song" with a strength and fire which were delightful.

The club next rendered that beautiful creation of Denza, "She Sleeps," the soft melodious cadences being sung with a feeling and intensity which could not be effaced. It was followed by "The Apple Boughs," composed by Miss Freeman herself, and the words of which were written by Susan E. Dickinson. The next selection essayed by the club, and proved a great favorite with the audience.

Mr. Gippel's fine voice was here heard again, Mozart's serenade from "Don Giovanni" being the vehicle. A most pleasing effect was contributed by the string accompaniment to the song by Miss Margaret Dorr, Miss Ellen Stiles and Miss Charlotte Armstrong.

Drummers' "The Little Drummer" was finely sung by the club, and Miss Ellen Stiles gave a violin solo, playing Henri Vieuxtemps' "Fantaisie Appassionata" most acceptably.

Miss Blackman gave a carefully executed rendition of Schumann's Nocturne in F, and the concert was brought to a close by the club singing the "Minuet," with string accompaniment by Miss Allen, Miss Dorr, Miss Armstrong and Miss Stiles.

MOTHER HELD RESPONSIBLE.

Coroner's Jury Hold Mary Oguressek for the Death of Her Child.

The coroner's jury in the case of Mary Oguressek, who wilfully abandoned her new-born babe in McNichols court several weeks ago, met in the West Scranton police station last evening and rendered a verdict to the effect that the child came to its death at the hands of its mother.

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WEDDING BELLS PEAL JOYOUSLY

LARGE NUMBER OF JUNE BRIDES YESTERDAY.

Chronicle of Weddings from Every Part of the City—Albert Carson and Miss Elizabeth Stetter Married at the Home of the Bride—Miss Sadie Barnes Becomes the Wife of A. J. Shafer—Dougherty-Miller Nuptials in Dunmore—Number of Other Marriages.

The Wednesday next the middle of June is accounted the luckiest day in all the year for a wedding. Each recurring year finds it the choice of many a fair bride, or, mayhap, her superstitious mother, as the day on which she would have to take place that second greatest event of her life and yesterday was no exception to the rule. Every part of the city contributed at least one pretty affair.

Albert Carson, senior member of the firm of Carson & Bender, retail grocers, of North Main avenue, and Miss Elizabeth Stetter, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stetter, were quietly married at 8:30 o'clock last evening at the home of the bride, 205 North Hyde Park avenue. A ceremony was performed by Rev. Jacob Schoettle, pastor of the Chestnut Street German Presbyterian church.

The only attendant was Miss Ruth Carson, niece of the groom, who acted as flower maid. The bride was carried in white broadened satin and dressed in white roses. Professor Silas Rosser presided at the piano and played the wedding marches.

The ceremony was witnessed by the immediate relatives and friends of the young couple, who participated in a reception and wedding feast after the nuptial knot was tied. At midnight Mr. and Mrs. Carson left for New York and Boston, and upon their return will reside in the home recently purchased and furnished at the above number.

The bride and groom are two of the most popular people in West Scranton and represent two of the oldest families in the city. Mr. Carson is a successful business man and his wife an estimable young woman whose many acquaintances congratulate her on the happy event.

Dougherty-Miller.

Standing before the altar of St. Mary's Catholic church, Dunmore, which had been handsomely decorated for the occasion, Miss Sadie J. Dougherty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dougherty, and Archer J. Miller, both of that borough, were pronounced husband and wife by the Rev. M. J. Millard yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. Previous to the rites being performed the spacious church was nearly filled with the relatives and friends of the young couple, having come to see the happy event solemnized.

Shortly after the hour appointed the bridal party walked down the center aisle of the church to the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march as played by the organist, Miss Mary McHale, with violin obligato by Mrs. A. D. Hollander. The bride was attired in a handsome gown of blue poplin, trimmed with lace and chiffon. Her maid, Miss Agnes Cullen, was attired in a gown of blue poplin trimmed similarly as the bride. Both carried bouquets of pink carnations and roses in a pretty appearance. Mr. Thomas Cullen performed the services of best man.

After the ceremony the friends and relatives gathered at the home of the bride's parents, on Pine street, where a delightful wedding breakfast was served immediately after the tendering of congratulations. Later the happy young couple left on the Lackawanna railroad for points of interest during their honeymoon. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Miller will take up their residence on Mill street, Dunmore.

Shafer-Barnes.

Abner J. Shafer, of 540 North Garfield avenue, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Shafer, and Miss Sadie B. Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Barnes, were united in marriage at 8 o'clock last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 8 Stark place.

Rev. J. B. Sweet, pastor of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church, was the officiating clergyman. The bride, Miss Sadie Barnes, was attended by her maid, Miss Anna Holdren, and Charles Hall acted as groomsmen. The bride was dressed in a gown of heliotrope-colored organdy, with white lace and velvet ribbon trimmings, and carried pink rose buds. Her maid wore a suit of steel gray material and carried pink roses. Both ladies presented a charming appearance, especially the bride, who is a very pretty young woman.

A wedding supper and reception was tendered the couple afterwards, and the evening was enjoyably spent in diversions incidental to such pleasant gatherings. Owing to the limit house space, only the immediate relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Shafer enjoy a large acquaintance and are both popular young people. They dispensed with a wedding trip and will be at home to their friends at the above number. The bride was the recipient of many useful and valuable presents.

Evans-Davis.

The wedding of Byron J. Evans, of North Bromley avenue, and Miss Annette Davis, of Twelfth street, was solemnized at high noon yesterday at the Plymouth Congregational church in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. H. Harris, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, of Taylor. The couple were unattended. The bride was becomingly attired in a tailor-made gown of brown material and presented a charming appearance. The ushers were Steven Hardy, Bert Schenck, John Samuel and John Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans left on the 12:55 Lackawanna train for an extended wedding trip and upon their return will reside with the bride's mother. Both are well known young people, the groom being employed in the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western car accountant's office.

Becker-Rose.

A very pretty home wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when Miss Rose, of Beech street, was united in marriage to Rudolph Becker, at the home of the bride's parents. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. W. A. Nordt, of the Hickory Street Presbyterian church. Miss Annie Faust and Miss Freda Rose, sister of the bride, were the bridesmaids,

and Albert Becker and Christ Rose, brother of the bride, were the groomsmen.

The bride was charmingly gowned in a pearl grey dress, with white satin trimming, and carried a beautiful bouquet of roses. The bridesmaids, who were most becomingly dressed in white tulle linen, carried pink carnations. The house was lavishly decorated with flowers and potted palms, and presented a pleasing effect.

Immediately after the wedding a reception was held, and the happy couple received the congratulations of their many friends. The couple were also the recipients of many handsome presents. They will begin housekeeping at 825 Prospect avenue.

O'Toole-Moffatt.

Miss Mary Moffatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Moffatt, of Beech street, was yesterday morning joined in marriage to M. J. O'Toole, of Bellevue, at St. John's Catholic church, the ceremony being performed by Rev. M. J. Fleming, assistant pastor of St. John's church. Miss Jennie Gavin, of South Scranton, attended the bride, and James O'Toole, brother of the groom, acted as best man.

Miss Kate T. Reardon presided at the organ and played the Lohengrin wedding march as the bridal party entered the sacred edifice. At the conclusion of the nuptial mass an "Ave Marie" was sung by Miss Elizabeth Durkin. The bride was attired in a gown of white mousseline de soie, over silk, with lace trimmings, while the bridesmaid wore a blue Swiss gown. A reception was held following the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents on Beech street.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Toole then left on the 1:30 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western train on a tour, which will include visits to Buffalo, Baltimore and Washington, D. C. Mrs. O'Toole is a well known young lady, formerly being an instructress in the International School of Correspondence. Mr. O'Toole is a reporter on the Scrantonian and has also served on several other papers.

Parry-Stiegerwald.

In the presence of the relatives and a few invited guests, Miss Louise Stiegerwald was united in marriage to Thomas W. Parry, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kolb, of Maple street, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, by the Rev. F. P. Doty, of the Cedar Avenue Methodist Episcopal church. Miss Effie Parry was bridesmaid, and Fred Kolb acted as groomsmen. The bride was becomingly gowned in a blue serge, trimmed with white silk and crepon, and carried a large bouquet of bridal roses. After a short wedding tour, they will begin housekeeping on Prospect avenue.

Those present were Mr. R. Downing Parry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Preis, Mr. C. M. Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Sykes, Mr. F. S. Castle, Miss Ida Parry, Miss Lottie Preis, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Preis, Miss Henriette Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kolb, Mrs. A. Swank, Mrs. F. Elkins, Miss Emma Pueller, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pueller, Miss Bessie Parry, Mr. F. Stiegerwald and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schwenk.

Maloney-Walsh.

Richard A. Maloney was united in marriage at high noon yesterday to Miss Margaret Walsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Walsh, of Mary Street, the ceremony being performed in Holy Rosary church by Rev. J. J. O'Toole.

The bride was attired in a gray traveling gown, while her bridesmaid, Miss Mary McHale, wore light blue organdy. The groom was attended by John Maloney, his brother. A wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride after the ceremony, and the couple left at 3:30 o'clock on a wedding trip to New York. On their return they will reside in Dunmore.

Long-Davis.

William J. Long, of 1509 Gibson street, an employee of the Lackawanna car accountant's office, and a member of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church, was quietly married at 12 o'clock yesterday noon to Miss Margaret Louise Davis, of 510 North Bromley avenue, by Rev. J. B. Sweet, pastor of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church.

The wedding was a quiet one, and the bride was attired in a gray traveling gown, while her bridesmaid, Miss Mary McHale, wore light blue organdy. The groom was attended by John Maloney, his brother. A wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride after the ceremony, and the couple left at 3:30 o'clock on a wedding trip to New York. On their return they will reside in Dunmore.

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only the immediate relatives were present when the ceremony was performed. A wedding dinner was enjoyed and Mr. and Mrs. Long left at 12:35 for New York and other points of interest.

Carmody-Langan.

St. John's church, on Elm street, was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when Rev. M. J. Fleming, assistant pastor, united in marriage Miss Mary Langan and John Carmody, both well-known young people of South Scranton.

Miss Kate Mahon was bridesmaid, and Frank Carmody, brother of the groom, acted in the capacity of groomsmen. After the wedding a reception was tendered the couple at the home of the bride's parents. They left on an afternoon train for a short wedding tour to New York.

McHale-McNish.

Thomas McHale, of Putnam street, and Miss Mary McNish, of Mary street, were united in wedlock at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in the Holy Rosary church, by Rev. J. J. O'Toole. The bridesmaid was Nora Leonard, and the groomsmen were Hugh Davis.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McNish and is possessed of a large circle of acquaintances in North Scranton, where the groom is also popular.

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